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MATSUI SECURES FUNDING FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Robert T. Matsui announced today the U.S. House of Representatives approved \$6.5 Million in funding for development and transportation projects in Sacramento. The funding was included in the Fiscal Year 2005 Consolidated Appropriations Act.

“This transportation funding will, among other things, help increase public transit ridership, decrease commute miles and encourage more people to live where they work,” said Representative Matsui. **“We need to meet the projected population growth of Sacramento with growth in our transportation systems or our quality of life will suffer. These improvements will keep Sacramento and its economic development going strong.”**

Projects funded through the Consolidated Appropriations act include:

R Street Development Project, \$1.5Million:

This funding will help the City of Sacramento implement its R Street Corridor Plan, transforming an inner-city industrial corridor and historic railroad district into a mixed-use re-development area. Components receiving funding within the project include improvements sidewalk improvements, street realignment and replacement, access for disabled persons and other infrastructure. These improvements, complemented by the current operating light rail line, will promote affordable housing and ultimately create mixed-use "Transit Villages." The R Street Corridor project is a joint effort of the City of Sacramento, the state's Capitol Area Development Authority, Regional Transit, and private developers.

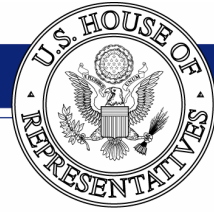
Bridging Interstate 5, Riverfront Re-connector, \$1.0 Million:

Funding will help complete all tasks prior to the final design of the Bridging project. This will include certification of the Environmental Impact Review / Statement and selection of an alternative. Currently, Interstate 5 bisects Sacramento's historic riverfront from the Capitol grounds. The Bridging project seeks to construct a link between the two, by covering the below-grade I-5 with a deck and/or pedestrian bridges, making way for further economic development on the span.

Sacramento Regional Transit (RT) Bus Replacement, \$500,000:

This funding will help RT implement a strategic service plan to begin replacing first-generation Compressed Natural Gas Buses. Through replacement of these buses and construction of a second bus maintenance facility, RT will expand service to the region and maintain a safe, reliable bus fleet. Many commuters have come to rely on RT for their daily travel. As Sacramento continues to grow, travel demands for the region are expected to increase significantly, adding another 1 million people by the year 2025.

Job Access Re verse Commute Project (JARC), \$2.0 Million:



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Funding for this project will help expand transportation services in regional jurisdictions, increasing connections between communities. By expanding commuter options in regional communities, JARC will help workers seek and maintain employment throughout the metropolitan region. Among the areas that

will benefit from JARC are Sacramento County, the Sacramento Regional Transit District, the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance, Yolo County, the City of Roseville and the Sutter Yuba Transit Authority.

Sacramento International Airport (SMF) Air Tower Construction, \$1.5 Million:

Congressman Matsui also supported a successful regional request for \$1.5 million to continue work on a new air traffic control tower at SMF.

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